

**NEWS WITHOUT
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THE ADVANCE

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ALLIES ARE DRIVEN FROM BELGIAN SOIL

Assuming Offensive English and French Are Beaten By German Fighters

TURKEY MAY BE TRICKED INTO FIGHT

For Russian Bear Wants Excuse To Szeze Constantinople

The German success for which the Advance prepared its readers in Tuesday's paper have come.

The German right wing which was stretched across Belgium from Mons to Luxemburg was attacked by the English and French in full force. The armies of the allies were repulsed with heavy loss, 2,000 of England's finest sons going to death and probably five times as many Germans though Germany has not made public her losses, neither has France.

Mons is a Belgian city lying forty or fifty miles to the South west of Brussels and not far from the Belgian boundary. As a result of this victory the allies have abandoned their offensive plan of battle and fallen back on their defenses. This means that the French have not only with drawn from Belgium but also that they have abandoned the positions that they had taken in Alsace-Lorraine and that the next contest between the two contending armies will be fought on French soil. If the French and English are defeated in this engagement the French admit that the road to Paris will lie open to the invaders.

All of this justifies the prediction of the Advance that the defeat of Germany will not be a walk over for the allied powers. Nevertheless it does not mean that Germany will finally triumph in this struggle—not yet. It is believed at London that even if Paris falls the disaster to French arms will be offset by Russian successes in the east. Experts declare that if Paris falls to the Germans Berlin will fall to the Russians. Reports from eastern frontiers of Germany yesterday indicated that Russia has been mobilizing more rapidly than was expected and it is even said that wealthy citizens are already fleeing from Berlin and Vienna.

There are signs now that Turkey is to be brought into this war on the side of Germany and Austria. Nothing could please Russians better than such a result for the war will not mean all that they hope to themselves unless at its end Russia commands Constantinople.

A FORMER SHERIFF DEAD

Columbia, N. C., Aug. 25th—E. Sheriff Dick Hassell died Wednesday, Aug 19th at his home in Columbia after an illness of twelve months. He leaves an aged wife and one son.

Mr. Hassell was sheriff of Tyrrel county for thirty eight years and was well known and greatly respected by every one in Columbia and the county. The community will feel a great loss in his death.

Funeral services were conducted at his home by Rev. K. F. Duval and the body was laid to rest in the family burying ground.

AYDLETT MAN DROWNS ON COAST

Bertha, N. C., Aug. 25th—Mr. George Snowden, a young white man of Aydlett, was drowned this week while out on the ocean on a fishing trip.

The tragedy occurred last Friday while Snowden in company with three companions were out fishing. The four were hauling a net, Snowden having one end of it when he got into a hole over his head and being unable to swim went down to death. Life saving men from the adjacent station arrived on the scene in time to rescue the body but too late to resuscitate the young man. He was only twenty four years old.

Mrs. Maude Mercer was the guest of Mrs. W. A. Corbell last week. Mrs. Mercer is visiting a number of friends and relatives in this community. She will return to her home at Old Trap September 10th.

Mr. Ashley Corbett is seriously ill at his home at Poplar Branch.

Misses Bruce and Betty Taylor and Mr. Shelton Taylor of Bertha are visiting in Elizabeth City.

James Baum, a colored boy, was attacked and painfully cut on the arm by some men this week.

The meeting at Sharon Chapel will continue this week.

Mr. A. A. Owens killed a large rattlesnake in his flower garden this week. (The snake had seven rattles and a button.)

TYRREL COUNTY VETERANS MEET

Columbia, N. C., Aug. 26th—Saturday will be a day of stirring speeches and reminiscences of the Civil War when the veterans reunion will be held at Columbia.

The biggest crowd which has ever attended is expected this year. A picnic dinner will be served the old soldiers. Colonel Beachy will be in charge of the exercises of the day.

WENT ON JOY RIDE--SMASHED AUTO

Columbia, N. C., Aug. 26th—While out joy riding last evening Miss Bell Walker ran into the Branning Manufacturing Company's log train at the railroad crossing. She and her friends had a very narrow escape and the automobile was badly wrecked.

LAWN PARTY AT BARCO

Barco, N. C., Aug. 22nd—A delightful lawn party was given last Friday night at the home of Mr. C. Barco. A large number attended, both young and old, and all greatly enjoyed the evenings entertainment.

FOR NEW HOTEL AT NAGS HEAD

Promoters Working Up Stock Company to Erect \$12,000 Structure at This Resort

It is very probable that a stock company will be formed very soon to build a hotel at Nags Head which will be ready for visitors at the popular resort by the opening of the next season.

A number of promoters are working for stock subscriptions to the amount of \$12,000, \$3,000 of which had already been subscribed at two o'clock yesterday afternoon.

The proposed building is to be three stories high and to start with fifty rooms for guests. It will be equipped with all modern conveniences, including electric lights, water, and sewerage. It is also the idea of the promoters that a tram road shall be built connecting the hotel with the beach.

Another idea advanced is that a dancing pavilion with moving pictures, ice cream parlor, telephone office and post office shall be maintained in connection with the hotel.

The site for the proposed building has not been determined upon, that being a matter which will be left open until the stock company is formed.

CHARMING HOSTESS AT LAWN PARTY

Roper, N. C., Aug. 24th—Miss Mary Johnston was the charming hostess at a very delightful lawn party Monday evening in honor of her guest, Miss Minnie Hodges of Macksays. The lawn was attractively decorated in various colors of Japanese lanterns. Verses were matched in order to determine partners for supper and much merriment ensued in this process.

Those present were: Misses Minnie Hodges, Myrtle and Nellie Tarkenton of Macksays, Ethel Lillie Barco, Eula Spruill and Ivey Gaylord of Buelk, Va., Messrs. Herbert Jones of Norfolk, Johnnie Tarkenton of Macksays, Asa Johnston, George Jacobs, Elmer and Nathan Spruill, Jack McAllister, Raymond Harrison, and Amos Edwards.

FORT LANDING BRIEFS

Fort Landing, N. C., Aug 24—The L. O. R. M. gave a pleasant social evening to its members Friday night. A large number were present and greatly enjoyed the occasion.

Mr. and Mrs. Charlie Belaniga of Bordmen are visiting here this week.

Miss Lucy Casey of Manteo, who is visiting here this week was painfully hurt by a fall Saturday night.

Miss Lucy and Clennie Rhodes of Soundside were the guests of Miss Jennie Roughton last week.

Mr. Winslow Basnight of Mount Pleasant South Carolina is visiting his grandfather here this week.

Messrs. Clinton Bateman and Joe Gray and Misses Sarah and Lillie Rhoades are visiting friends and relatives here this week.

Mr and Mrs Louis Combs of Hertford are visiting friends here.

Mrs Fannie Holmes is very ill at her home here.

Mr. T. L. Whitehead of Chaplanoke was in the city Saturday on business.

THEATRE SEASON OPENS TO-NIGHT

"Mutt and Jeff" Central Figures Against Background of Mexican Scenery and Songs

The season of laughter is about to begin. The American public never wanted to laugh more than they do at this time when in the general run of the day there is so much to make them serious. "Mutt and Jeff in Mexico" in a brand new dress comes to the Alhambra tonight. That it will make the people laugh goes without saying. Bud Fisher's eccentric characters are the greatest cartoon successes in America today and Gus Hill is the acknowledged dean of cartoon comedy production, never having offered a play of this sort that did not prove a success.

Mr. A. K. Kramer says that seats are selling rapidly and the outlook is that "Mutt and Jeff in Mexico" will be seen by a capacity house.

A GENTLEMAN OF THE OLD SCHOOL

Wilmington, N. C., Aug. 24—The news of the passing of Dr. Cornelius Townsend Ford of Mullins South Carolina at four o'clock this afternoon at the James Walker Memorial Hospital, will be heard with great sorrow by hundreds of friends throughout South and North Carolina. He was a gentleman of the old school, skilled in his profession, genial and kind in his disposition, and a true friend of mankind.

Dr. Ford was eighty years of age and leaves seven children: A. L. Ford of Savannah, Mrs. G. W. Taylor of Dallas, Texas, Mrs. P. H. Edwards of Fort Worth, Texas, J. B. Ford of Amory, Mississippi, Mrs. R. Mrs. P. H. Edwards of Fort of Wilmington, N. C. and Mrs. Herbert Peale of Elizabeth City. Many friends of the family here and elsewhere will sympathize with them deeply in the loss they have sustained.

ROPER BRIEFS

Roper, N. C., Aug. 24th—After a delightful visit to relatives near Benton Miss Ethel Clayton returned home Friday.

Mr. Carl Tarkenton of Norfolk is the guest of his parents Mr. and Mrs. J. F. Tarkenton.

Mr. C. T. Allen of Pungo spent the week end at the home of Mr. J. B. Harris.

Miss Minnie Hodges of Macksays is the guest of the Misses Barco.

After a few days visit to Master Clarence Bailey, Master Geo. and Bryan Ellis returned to their home in Gilmerton Wednesday.

Miss Stella Blount gave a card party Monday afternoon at her home in honor of Misses Carrie Smith and Dorothy Wilkey of Plymouth and Messrs. Alexander and Lamb of Scotland Neck.

Mr. R. R. Roper left Tuesday for Virginia Beach to join his wife and wife's sister, Miss Alice Cohoon, and will return Thursday.

Mrs. B. B. Spencer has returned from a few days visit to relatives in Columbia.

J. T. McAllister and W. H. Bateman made a short trip to Rad eight days week.

Mrs. A. W. Dozier of Snowden who has been visiting Mrs. L. W. Cox on Burgess St returned home yesterday.

NO EPIDEMIC OF TYPHOID FEVER

Number of Cases Appears To Be On Decrease and Does Not Exceed Fifteen or a Dozen

No epidemic of typhoid is raging in Elizabeth City, reports outside of the town or within to the contrary notwithstanding.

Outside of the town the rumor perseveres that there are from forty to fifty cases now under treatment here, while whether there have been half that number at any one time is doubtful or even improbable. The Advance reporter called at the office of a number of Physicians yesterday morning and the total number of cases reported did not exceed fifteen. Even this probably included some cases of doubtful diagnosis.

City Health Officer Dr. C. B. Williams, investigated the situation a few days ago and reported a total of eighteen cases. He is certain that the number now is no larger and probably smaller even than at the time of his investigation.

Those who use the city water are still urged to boil it before drinking but there is now and there has been no occasion for any unusual alarm and the exaggerated reports that have gained credence outside of the town as to conditions here are without foundation.

HEALTH OFFICER MAKES STATEMENT

Elizabeth City, N. C., Aug 27—EDITOR THE ADVANCE—

Since your inquiry this morning relative to the typhoid fever situation I have again investigated the matter and find that there are at present less than a dozen cases in the city.

Yours very truly,
C. B. WILLIAMS,
HEALTH OFFICER.

REV. A. A. BUTLER AT COLUMBIA

Columbia, N. C., Aug. 25th—The meeting conducted at the Baptist Church here by the pasteur Rev. R. E. Brickhouse, and Rev. A. A. Butler, has closed with the addition to the church of four new members. The church was inadequate for the large crowds that attended the services.

MEETS TUESDAY EVENING

The Elizabeth City Barco Philathea Union meets in the Annex of the First Methodist Church on next Tuesday evening the 1st of September, at 8:00 p. m. All members are urged to be present as at this meeting the Union will elect officers.

INTEREST INCREASES IN PRAYER SERVICE.

Barco, N. C., August 22nd—Recent prayer meetings held here have shown a marked increase in interest. These services are conducted by Mr. Weststead, who is a very faithful and consecrated worker.

COLUMBIA BRIEFS

Columbia, N. C., Aug. 25th—Mrs. Mary Coffield has returned from Norfolk where she had been in a hospital for an operation. She is recovering rapidly from her illness.

Mrs. S. M. Combs has just returned from a trip to Black Mountain.

PRESENT WATCH TO PROF SHEEP

Appreciative Citizens Bestow on well Known Educator Token of High Regard for His Work

Prof. S. L. Sheep, who leaves Monday to take charge of the city schools of Helena Arkansas was presented last night at the court house with a handsome gold watch by the citizens of the town. The watch is a hunting cast Howard, beautiful in every line and a triumph of the watchmakers art. On the front appears Prof Sheep's monogram while the inside back bears the following inscription: "Presented to Prof. S. L. Sheep by the citizens of Elizabeth City as a token of appreciation for his long service as an educator in our midst."

The speech of presentation at the court house last night was made by Mr. E. F. Aydlett who spoke with his usual felicity of expression. Other speakers were Dr. McMullan, Walter Small, Kenyon Wilson, and Judge J. B. Leigh. In accepting the gift Prof Sheep expressed himself as being deeply moved by what its presentation stood for to him.

Prof Sheep came to Elizabeth City in 1878. Within a few years he had established the Elizabeth City Academy which grew in influence and standing to such an extent that in 1895 its name was changed to the Atlantic Col lege Institute.

In 1907 having been convinced that the best educational interests of the community would be conserved by the establishment of a graded school here Prof. Sheep decided to work to that end. The trustees of the Institute turned their property over to the county and Mr Sheep accepted the superintendency of the graded school at considerable financial sacrifice. He has received a number of invitations to take more lucrative work elsewhere but has always preferred to remain where he could carry out to fruition the plans which he had on foot here.

His recent resignation is deplored by friends here and all over this section of the State. It is believed that the town may have to seek long to find a man who is his equal.

MR AND MRS GRIGGS ENTERTAIN

Maple, N. C., Aug. 25th—Mr. and Mrs. Geo. A. Griggs gave a most enjoyable party last Thursday evening at their home in Maple in honor of Miss Sue Harris of Norfolk and Mr. Leslie Waldorf of Greenville. Various games were played after which a delicious supper was served.

Those present were: Misses Lucile Ballance, Zuma Ballance, Laura Barcliff of Norfolk, Sude Belle Walker, Annie Walker Oberia Walker of Norfolk, Annie Griggs, Sue Harris of Norfolk, Rose Harrell of Tulls; Sue Spry Mae Griggs; Messrs. Julian Griggs, Luther Ballance, Leslie Waldorf, Thos. Griggs, Grandy Boswood, John Snowden, S. W. Brumsey of Barco, Fletcher Spry Geo. Griggs, Philip Walker, W. A. Snowden, Louis Snowden, Sylvan Griggs, Bryan Snowden and Mr and Mrs J. I. Spry.

Mr. and Mrs. H. S. Gilbert of Gregory are visiting relatives friends in Virginia at Forest and Churchland.